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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 4949

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BENIN COMPLAINT IN SECURITY COUNCIL

REF: USUN 4916

1. FRENCH REPORT THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH NON-ALIGNED TO OBTAIN CHANGES IN BENIN WORKING PAPER DESIRED BY WESTERN FIVE PROVED POSITIVE. FOR EXAMPLE, PLEDGING CONFERENCE IDEA HAS BEEN DELETED, AS HAS MENTION FO SUPPOSEDLY SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAD NATIONALS INVOLVED IN THE 16 JANUARY COUP ATTEMPT. ONLY REMAINING PROBLEM WAS BENIN INSISTENCE ON RETENTION OF SECTION PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH BY WHICH THE COUNCIL WOULD STATE ITS "GRAVE CONCERN" OVER THREATS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST BENIN. IN DISCUSSION AMONG THE FIVE 23 NOVEMBER , US AND CANADA URGED WE CONTINUE OUR OPPOSITION TO THIS PARAGRAPH SINCE IT STATED A PROPOSITION THAT WAS SIMPLY UNTRUE. BENIN AMB. BOYA SUBSEQUENTLY RECEDED, WITH RESULT THAT THE FINAL TEXT WILL SIMPLY TAKE NOTE OF THE
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STATEMENT BY BENIN WITH RESPECT TO MERCENARY THREATS.

2. BOYA TOLD WESTERN 5 THAT HE WISHED THE COUNCIL TO VOTE TODAY. US AND CANDA ASSERTED NEED TO SEND TEXT TO CAPITALS, AND US OBSERVED THAT SINCE THE COUNCIL HAD ADOPTED THE TWO EARLIER RESOLUTIONS ON BENIN BY CONSENSUS, THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE NO REASON TO DEPART FROM THAT

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PRECEDENT. BOYA SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER THESE MATTERS.
FRENCH NOW REPORT THAT BENIN WILL AGREE TO PROCEEDING TO
ADOPT TEXT BY CONSENSUS, ASSUMING CAPITALS AGREE,
THANKSGIVING MORNING.

3. COMMENT: BELIEVE TEETH HAVE BEEN PULLED FROM THE DRAFT
RESOLUTION ADOPTION OF WHICH WE, AND OTHERS OF WESTERN FIVE,
SHOULD NOW AGREE BY CONSENSUS.

4. MAURITIUS INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION (S/12454) AT
CLOSE OF 23 NOVEMBER MEETING. TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION
FOLLOWS: QUOTE
THE SECURITY COUNCIL,
HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN TO THE UNITED NATIONS OVER
NEW THREATS OF AGGRESSION BY MERCENARIES,
DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THE DANGER WHICH INTERNATIONAL
MERCENARIES REPRESENT FOR ALL STATES, IN PARTICULAR THE
SMALLER ONES,
CONVINCED OF THE NECSSITY OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN
ALL STATES IN CONFORMITY WITH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 10 OF
RESOLUTION 405 (1977) TO COLLECT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE
MERCENARIES WHO OPERATED AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN
ON 16 JANUARY 1977,
1. REAFFIRMS ITS RESOLUTION 405 (1977) IN WHICH IT HAD,
AMONG OTHER PROVISIONS, TAKEN NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE
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SPECIAL MISSION AND CONDEMNED THE ACT OF ARMED AGGRESSION
PERPETRATED AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN ON
16 JANUARY 1977, AND ALL FORMS OF EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE IN THE
INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MEMBER STATES, INCLUDING THE USE OF
INTERNATIONAL MERCENARIES TO DESTABILIZE STATES AND/OR TO
VIOLATE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE
OF STATES;
2. TAKES NOTE OF THE REPORT OF EVALUATION OF DAMAGES
CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT S/12415;
3. CALLS UPON ALL STATES TO WORK IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION
IN ORDER TO GATHER ALL USEFUL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
MERCENARIES INVOLVEE IN THE EVENTS OF 16 JANUARY 1977, IN
COMPLIANCE WITH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 10 OF RESOLUTION 405(1977);
4. TAKES NOTE OF THE DESIRE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BENIN
TO HAVE THE MERCENARIES WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ATTACKING FORCES
AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN ON 16 JANUARY 1977
SUBJECTED TO DUE PROCESS OF LAW;
5. APPEALS TO ALL STATES AND ALL APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES, TO ASSIST BENIN TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE
ACT OF AGGRESSION;
6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO PROVIDE ALL

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NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO BENIN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION;
7. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO FOLLOW CLOSELY
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION, WITH PARTICULAR
REFERENCE TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 3,4,5 AND6, AND TO REPORT
TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL NOT LATER THAN 30 SEPTEMBER 1978;
8. DECIDES TO REMAIN SEIZED OF THE MATTER. UNQUOTE
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